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Senate BoGged down in dispute



The Faculty Club ballroom where the meeting took place.

by Stephane St-Onge

McGill's Senate and Board of Governors met jointly for the first time in nearly twenty years on Monday to fight a jurisdictional battle, following a communication breakdown over the university's casual employment policy.

Senator Philip Harris said the real concern of the meeting was not the casual policy "but the role of Senate in the university."

According to Political Science professor Sam Noumoff, "There's a need to reconsider the division of powers." He said there was a "fundamental disagreement" between Senate and BoG.

Senators charged that the Board of Governors' (BoG) action on casual policy was unconstitutional because the policy has academic implications which placed it under the Senate's jurisdiction.

The casual policy prohibits the university from hiring part-time undergraduate and graduate stu-

dents as casual workers in non-academic jobs on campus. It is meant to prevent full-time non-academic employees losing jobs to casual workers.

No one is certain how many students will lose their jobs because of the policy.

The policy was negotiated between the McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association (MUNASA) and the administration.

According to Dean of Science William Leggett, "The casual policy was the straw that broke the camel's back."

Harris requested the joint meeting when BoG ignored Senate's demands to delay the new policy until a consultative committee of students and academic staff had discussed its academic effects — such as research assistant jobs.

"I do not understand how the Board of Governors ignored Senate in this matter. The request for a delay was reasonable and the Board should have been listened to,"

Harris said.

According to MUNASA member Saul Ticktin, "If there is a communications problem, it is in the academic community."

Ticktin said he did not see employment policy agreements between MUNASA and BoG as falling within the Senate's jurisdiction.

"We don't see that the Senate should debate our working conditions," he said.

At the joint meeting, Senators said they had yet to see a complete copy of the agreement.

But according to BoG member Greta Chambers, not even BoG members saw a complete copy of the agreement before voting on it. They were told by the administration the policy was "too complicated" to be explained to them, she said.

This was the first joint meeting since October 1970, when students were first allowed representation on McGill's Senate and BoG.

World youth oppose invasion of Innu

by Trefor Smith

The threat posed by a proposed Labrador NATO base to the Innu people is now at a critical stage, said Innu representative Eric Andrew.

Andrew was in Montréal this week speaking to students as part of The International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour. The tour is a national campaign to inform youth about the detrimental effects of militarization on peoples in Canada and around the world.

The focus of the tour is the Innu people's protest against the imposition of NATO low-level flights and weapon testing in their homeland.

"Our human rights are being violated. Our very way of life is at stake," Andrew told the *Daily*.

"Canada has a history of injustices against native peoples," he said. "Today our people are being terrorized in the bush... They (NATO) don't own the land. It was never ceded. They have no right developing this so-called 'undeveloped land'. This is our homeland."

Presently there are 7000 flights a year over Nitassinan, the Innu's territory in Labrador. The Canadian government has been trying to sell NATO the idea that the region, presently inhabited by 10 000 Innu, is an ideal location for a Tactical Fighter and Weapons Training Centre.

A new base would mean 40 000 flights a year from April to November, or 150 to 200 flights a day. The Innu claim that even under present

conditions, wildlife they depend on has been adversely affected.

Andrew was accompanied by students from other countries where the ill-effects of military bases and low-level flights are presently being felt.

International corroboration From the Philippines, Jun Cavero offered first-hand experience of the social problems related to the presence of U.S. military bases. "There is a lot of opposition to the bases in our country," he said.

According to the Tour's han-

dout, the social consequences of a military presence even at peace time is devastating. Filipino workers are paid one-eighth of what American base workers earn for the same job. In Angeles City, near Clark airforce base, there are 7000 registered prostitutes. This figure does not include child prostitutes.

People who struggle against the bases are terrorized. "I've had friends and friends abducted... I've had a friend killed because they were opposed to the base," said Cavero.

Gernot Ruecker, a student from

West Germany, said that the protest in his country against low-level flights had been effective. "There was so much opposition to the flights that the government was forced to act against them. Now we're seeing NATO exporting the flights to countries like Canada."

Ruecker said the low-level flights are destructive and unnecessary for a country's defence. "These kinds of manoeuvres are essentially offensive in character. They are for avoiding detection by enemy radar."

He said that recent casualties

due to test flight crashes, environmental and physical damage have heightened West German opposition to the tests.

Phoebe MacRae, a student from Victoria, B.C. pointed to Canada's large role in the nuclear theatre. "Students don't realize that Canada is second only to West Germany in the number of nuclear-related facilities on its soil," she said.

Now in its third week, the Tour will next be speaking at the Shorebridge Youth Centre and the Kahanawake Survival School.

Senate OK's student self-gouging

by Terry Corcoran

McGill Senate finally accepted a fee increase in the faculties of Management and Engineering last Wednesday. Both faculties levied \$2 fee increases after a referendum October 17.

The Engineering fee increase is retroactive to September 1989, while Management students will not have to pay the additional \$2 until September, 1990.

Despite a province-wide freeze on tuition fees, the University has a blind-eye policy toward student-imposed fee increases, as long as the increases are relatively minor — even though the typical student turn-out for referenda is only 10 per cent.

Engineering and Management

faculty presidents claimed the need for greater funds was solely an in-faculty concern.

Still, they said "growing inflationary costs" are an ever-present crisis, most prevalent in McGill's notoriously underfunded and overcrowded Arts faculty. Last semester, Music and Law students imposed a fee increase last semester to upgrade facilities that had fallen victim to underfunding.

Martin Catellier, President of the Management Undergraduate Society (MUS), said extra funds will likely be spent on "furnishings for a new lounge." He said the lounge could be located where the McGill Bookstore now stands in the Samuel Bronfman building. The bookstore will soon move next door, to a building under construction on McTavish.

According to Catellier, student enrollment in Management is rising at a rate much higher than in other faculties. This poses a threat to the already limited space for lounges, class rooms, and study areas.

Catellier said competition for space is fierce with MBA students. He said MBAs represent "nearly half Management's 1440 students." MUS VP External Gaetan Romanelli said Management needs a lounge where students can gather, read magazines or watch business-oriented videos, "like the room used by Engineers in the McConnell Building."

In the MUS referendum, an 82 per cent 'yes' vote for the increase and a high voter turn-out of 20-30 per cent may indicate students are more than willing to levy their own

fee increases to improve their faculty's facilities.

But one Management student said, "I vaguely remember a woman coming to my class in October to talk about the referendum. But no, I didn't vote."

Another said of the referendum, "I have no clue what it's all about."

Engineering Undergraduate Society President Tim Cherna said the appropriated funds are to be used for the renovation of a cafeteria.

When asked about the additional \$2, one group of Engineering students said they knew nothing of the increase, did not vote, and, misinterpreting the *Daily's* curiosity, offered the \$2 in question as a hand-out for a coffee.

TALES FROM LOON RIVER.



Billy Joe MacBride had just written his last paper. Who was Jane Austen? And why?

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Testimony to peasant unity



Guatemalan activist Rigoberta Menchú

by Adam Jones

"My name is Rigoberta Menchú. I am twenty-three years old. This is my testimony... My story is the story of all poor Guatemalans. My personal experience is the reality of a whole people."

So began Rigoberta Menchú's 1982 autobiography, now a classic of Central American literature. The Guatemalan Quiché Indian activist was in Montréal last weekend.

Menchú fled her homeland in 1981 after her Indian community, along with hundreds of others, was decimated by the Guatemalan military. The army, trained and armed by the United States and Israel, was waging a vicious campaign against popular organizations and peasant insurgents.

She fled at the height of the Guatemalan holocaust. Some 60 000 highlands Indians and urban activists were slaughtered by the Guatemalan army and right-wing death squads between 1978 and 1982.

Among the dead was most of Menchú's family. Her father, a peasant activist, was killed by security forces. Her mother was raped, tortured and murdered. The army returned one of her brothers to Menchú's highland village after weeks of torture. In front of her eyes, he was burned alive in the village square.

Now 30 years old, Menchú is the international representative of the Committee for Peasant Unity, which her father was instrumental in founding.

Although she now lives in Mexico City, Menchú has managed to return to Guatemala twice in the last year and a half—but only because international delegations accompanied and guarded her twenty-four hours a day.

When she went this year, four hundred soldiers met her at the airport; she was taken into custody for three hours. Five thousand people took to the streets, demanding her release.

Towards the end of her stay, she said, her phone rang off the hook with death-threats.

Menchú's Montréal appearances coincided with the fierce fighting between rebel and army forces in El Salvador.

Menchú said she had known one of the Salvadoran Jesuit priests slain last week, apparently by the military. "This hurts a lot," she told a packed auditorium at Concordia Friday night. "He was a brave man, outspoken on human rights. We loved him a great deal."

Continuing violence

In Menchú's own country, the human rights situation is still grim. The violence, she said, is now more selective. But the repressive apparatus is intact. And the oppressive economic system, under which two per cent of the population controls sixty per cent of the land, has not changed.

In 1986, elections installed Christian Democrat Vinicio Cerezo

as President of Guatemala. According to Menchú, there was hope the situation would change for the better.

"Cerezo wanted a blank cheque—all the murdered, the 42 000 'disappeared', all that should be put in the past," she told the crowd.

"But what we've got is a new record of abuses. It's a bad joke."

Cerezo, Menchú argued, serves only as a façade for continuing military control in Guatemala.

Thirteen army-orchestrated massacres have been documented since Cerezo came to power, Menchú said. "Of course, some aren't called massacres—because they've only involved four or five families, or maybe just one family of five people."

"On top of all this, we have more poverty, more hunger—thousands of people have been displaced in their own land. Forty to forty-five per cent of the population is unemployed, and many wage-workers hardly make enough to survive."

Student deaths

The most recent atrocity to attract international attention was the death-squad killing of five student leaders at the University of San Carlos in August.

"It's something special when they attack the students in Guatemala City or elsewhere in Central America, because these are people who live in the capital, close to embassies and media outlets. The killers know that. They're using the killings to send a message," said Menchú.

In the countryside, on the other hand, "peasants can be killed—fifty, a hundred, four hundred—and nobody ever hears about it." The army retains official administrative control of rural Guatemala.

Menchú was openly derisive of the body-count game played in her country. "They say, 'Before, there were 60 people a day being killed, now there's only 25, so things have improved.' But it's still an abuse—a violation of human rights and human life. One death is too many. It must be condemned."

According to Menchú, the psychology behind the selective slaughter in today's Guatemala is clear. "The army doesn't kill for the sake of killing. When the repression subsides, it gives a chance for people to stick their heads out—for leaders to emerge."

"Later, the repression descends again, and the leaders are attacked and annihilated. We call it 'decapitating' the popular organizations."

"If you're labelled subversive, it's a death sentence."

Menchú praised Canada for its significant role in bringing the human-rights situation in Guatemala to the attention of the international community.

Canadian representatives at the United Nations might be overly coy in their condemnations, she said—"but they do say it, and it helps."

Vancouver Christians hex Gay Games

by Joe Altwasser (CUP)

Religious and student leaders have condemned newspaper advertisements signed by anonymous "Christians" who claim that the planned Gay Games will bring down the wrath of God onto Vancouver and the University of British Columbia.

Estimated to have cost \$15 000, the ads were published the first weekend of November in the city's two daily papers and headlined "Time is running out."

Controversy over Gay Games 1990 erupted a year ago when UBC initially refused to rent out facilities for the event, which will bring 5 000 athletes to Vancouver from across the world.

UBC president David Strangway explained the decision at the time by saying, "If it's a political statement they're trying to make, I don't think the university is the place to make political statements."

Strangway added that he

couldn't understand why gay athletes didn't participate in "normal" athletic events, "Why should we become involved in a third variant of activities?"

He eventually reversed the decision.

Brad Newcombe, University of British Columbia (UBC) United Church chaplain, said, "the ads are awful, they fuel homophobia and give religious backing to the persecution of a specific group in society. All people of faith need to speak out against such material... These people are preaching Christianity without Christ."

Though Newcombe opposes censorship, he said ads which are discriminatory should be signed, "so there is a degree of accountability and responsibility for these type of ideas."

But Vancouver Province advertising representative Susan Cornwall said it was a matter of freedom of the press. The ads, Cornwall said, were sent to lawyers and given

the go-ahead.

According to Cornwall, standard practice was followed in the placement of the ads. This requires only a box number and a billing address, which were provided. The ads also contained a phone number at which only a pre-recorded message could be heard.

Ian Haysom, Editor-in-Chief of the Vancouver Province, also defended their right to print the ads but said they were not endorsed from an editorial standpoint.

Mark Keister, Arts representative for the UBC student council, said he was not surprised by the ads. There is a history of both printed and physical attacks on the gay community in Vancouver. The Vancouver Sun has several times refused to publish advertisements submitted by gay groups.

Said Keister, "People say God told them to hate people and you can't argue with that."

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Finding answers in India

Do problems have solutions? For those of us who believe that 'life is difficult but not impossible', the answer is a resounding YES! This does not imply that we think we have all the answers but just that we are always ready and willing to seek solutions we are convinced exist.

A serious problem plaguing the Indian people is communal violence. The organized killing of Sikhs in November 1984 and other recent events such as ones that have been taking place in the last few weeks centered around the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, have repeatedly underscored the grave dangers such events pose to all the Indian people. This Vishwa Hind Parishad (VHP) laid the foundation of a temple dedicated to Lord Rama in the premises of the disputed Babri Masjid Shrine on November 9, 1989. The VHP wants to claim that place as Lord Rama's birthplace. Is there a solution to this problem? Just on principle, we would answer in the affirmative.

Discussing a problem is often the first step towards the solution. It is with this in mind that the McGill India Canada Students' Association is organizing a discussion-meeting on the "Communal Situation in India" on Monday, November 20, 1989, at 6:30 pm in Room No. 302 of the Union Building. We hope that this will serve as a forum for frank exchange of views and ultimately educate all of us. We invite everyone to attend.

India Canada Students' Association

Time for cans and compassion again

Most students at McGill are looking forward to that Christmas dinner or annual New Year's meal with the table laden with delicious festive food. At times like this, it is also good to remember that the pressures of the culture and commercialism of Christmas are most heavy for those families who cannot usually put enough food on the table, let alone during this season. It is at this time of the year, smack in the beginnings of a long winter and during the weeks up to the holiday season that the food banks are most frequented by desperate families and also the most in need for donations.

In response to this the McGill Volunteer Bureau is organizing what probably is the largest single food drive in the history of McGill to try to raise enough food to deliver to 70-80 families through Sun Youth and other social service organizations.

Last year the food drive was started as an initiative by one of our members on a small scale but still managed to collect enough for 28 families and a host of downtown shelters. This time around we hope McGill students and staff, in response to the need, will bring the odd can of soup from the cupboard or even buy a dollar or two more of food during the next trip to the grocery store. If you feel you can give more, the particular need this year is baby food so the next time you drop in the dépanneur...

Collection boxes will appear soon and will remain there until the 20th of December. This is not only a McGill Volunteer Bureau event, this is your event, sponsored by the SSMU, with over 60 organizations participating: faculty offices and student groups and over 80 student volunteers. We hope that you will be able to support the food drive in what every way you can. Give a family a good start for 1990, give at the annual McGill Food Drive this year.

McGill Volunteer Bureau

A Salvadoran education

On Friday, October 27, the Rector of the National Autonomous University of El Salvador (UNA) visited McGill. During the meeting between the Rector and McGill's Centre for Developing Area Studies, it was proposed that a national co-ordinating office be established at McGill, designed to administer the different channels of support for the UNA that have come from Canadian Universities across the country in the last decade.

The UNA is the only public university in El Salvador, and was recognized for many years as Central America's finest. Tragically, the civil war that has besieged El Salvador for the last decade has threatened the UNA's very existence. From 1980 to 1984, the military dictatorship forced the university underground. Though re-established in 1984, the UNA's position remains precarious — the effects of civil war, the lack of sufficient public funding, the 1986 earthquake which damaged much of the UNA's infrastructure — have all undermined the University's attempt to properly serve the educational needs of its country's population, and to regain its lost standing.

Many Canadian universities have responded to the UNA's situation, and have sponsored and supported a wide range of projects designed to help the UNA fulfill its educational obligations. The proposal that a national co-ordinating office be established at McGill is therefore made with the understanding that such co-ordination would likely strengthen relations between the UNA and the Canadian universities concerned, as well as facilitate an expansion of this support, permitting the improvement of projects through the results of co-operation and improved communication.

McGill's support for the UNA, potentially of great benefit to the educational needs and objectives of El Salvador, will also contribute to our own intellectual interests and academic pursuits. In addition to the above mentioned proposal, the Rector and McGill's Dean of Arts also discussed the possibility that inter-university exchanges be organized with a particular focus on development issues. Administered by the new office in question, in collaboration with the Centre for Developing Area Studies, McGill International, and any McGill departments (Political Science, Geography, Economics, History, etc.) interested in participating, such exchanges would aid both the UNA and McGill in their understanding of the country's development perspectives for the region. As well, such activity would likely succeed in attracting funding to McGill, and to research and development initiatives in El Salvador. With Canada's recent decision to join the OAS an indication of our government's interest to become more involved in Latin America, the participation of McGill in this El Salvadorian initiative would be timely.

In light of the Rector's proposal, we, members of the Latin American Awareness Group at McGill, have written this letter in order to obtain the support of student groups across campus for the establishment of such an office at McGill. Wide support from the student population of McGill we believe is critical in ensuring that the proposal be supported by the University administration.

Contact the Latin American Awareness Group, 4th floor, Union Building.

Latin American Awareness Group

letters

Editing 'garden'

To the Daily,

Last week the *Daily* published my feature on the breakdown of the Nicaraguan ceasefire ("Spoiling the garden party," Nov. 15). Owing to a careless final-edit done in my absence, the sense and argument of the article was badly garbled.

It was George Bush who accused Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega of behaving "like an un-

wanted animal at a garden party" when Ortega announced the end of a ceasefire with US-backed *contra* rebels. (The two were attending a meeting of North and Latin American leaders in Costa Rica.) *It was not Ortega who accused Bush*, as the edited version stated.

The point of the article, lost in the mayhem, was that Bush's arrogant accusation epitomized the international reaction to Ortega's announcement. The Nicaraguan

actions were viewed as ill-mannered — spoiling the happy "garden party" in Costa Rica. It would be less hypocritical, I argued, to judge the Nicaraguan counteroffensive in the light of frequent savage attacks by *contras* during the 19-month "ceasefire."

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Nasty, but not Nazi

To the Daily,

Mr. Ibne Ali, in his letter of 8 November, takes his place as the last of a number of contributors who, in reference to the Arab-Israeli conflict, implicitly (or explicitly) drew comparisons between Israel and Nazi Germany. Although I do not wish to condone Israeli policy towards Palestinians, I find these comparisons with the Holocaust very disheartening. They reflect either an ignorance of, or an unwillingness to appreciate — and by the tone of these letters, I suspect it is the latter — the magnitude of the atrocities which were committed against the Jewish people during the Second World War.

It would be impossible for me to document the multitude of methods used to 'exterminate' six million Jews and gypsies. Indeed, it is in no way possible to adequately describe the systematic cruelty and torture, both physiological and psychological, to which inmates were subjected in the death camps.

Israeli actions may be unjustified, but they are neither conducting wholesale medical experiments upon Palestinians, nor are they making soap from their corpses. Nazi violence was of a magnitude far greater than what is taking place in Israel today.

Still, we must ask ourselves how it came to be that a group which was itself being persecuted yesterday feels the need to resort to repressive tactics today. Addressing this question does not, however, necessitate the knee-jerk comparison with Nazi Germany.

Furthermore, whatever the answer to this question may be, it is probably not as clear-cut as might appear from the letters which have been printed in this column in the past.

Karim Tiro
Visiting Student — Arts

Ed. Note: CJ Creighton please come down to the Daily office regarding your letter of Nov. 3

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Refugees in prisons for the innocent

"Salim" did not commit a crime — but he's spending time in a prison anyway. His home for the last three weeks has been a refugee detention centre in the Maritime Hotel, at René Lévesque and Guy. Others like him have been there for months.

Windows on the three floors where refugees are kept are shaded to conceal bars. Inside, refugee claimants are locked in small quarters, and are allowed little contact with the outside world.

BY LINDA GYULAI

Community groups insist there are better ways to treat refugee claimants.

Says Rivka Augenfeld of Table de Concertation, "It's called a detention centre, but it's a prison. It's enough to turn your stomach."

Her organization is part of a network of community groups which lobbies for refugee rights, and provides legal representation and support to refugees at their hearings.

The detention centre in the Maritime Hotel is not a hotel by any means, says Pascal Delgado of the YMCA.

But federal Immigration officer Richard St. Louis calls the three floors of the hotel a "minimum detention facility." He says, "They are not free, they are put there. I have no grievance with that system. We would prefer if people were free."

The three floors contracted out by the Immigration department are cut off from the rest of the hotel. The elevator doesn't stop at the floors where refugees are detained.

Patrolling security guards are a constant reminder that claimants can't leave — and visitors can't easily enter.

An Emergency stairwell is the only route to the floors. A sign above the door at the top of the stairs asks visitors to ring the bell. After a pair of eyes stares out through a small window in the door and it is unlocked, visitors are greeted by two security guards.

Visitors must have the name of a refugee claimant and provide two pieces of identification. They are then searched with a metal detector and personal information is recorded.

According to Fulvia Spadari of the Ligue des Droits et Libertés, "We denounce detention because there are no accusations. They're put in jail to verify the identity of a claimant. They suppose a person won't return to their immigration hearing. This is an insufficient reason to put them in jail."

Says La Croix, "I would hope people would be outraged when they read this. In a democracy we can't conceive that people are imprisoned without committing a crime."

According to St. Louis, detained claimants break the law by not reporting immediately to an immigration officer, by using a false passport, or not having any identification. "We don't detain for the pleasure of detaining," he says.

But this makes it a crime to be a refugee claimant. People fleeing their countries are usually forced to use false identification. As a result, many claimants tear up their false passports and flush them down a toilet before they speak to immigration officials.

According to Janet Dench of the Tyndale-St. Georges Community Centre, most international bodies, including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, recognize refugees can't use legal documents to flee their countries.

Glynnis Williams of the Tyndale-St. Georges centre says, "They need to come on false passports because they need to escape, so it's arbitrary to detain them for that."

According to Pascual Delgado of the YMCA, "It is normal that Canada doesn't allow criminals or terrorists in. Once they're in the government might not be able to keep track of them. But that applies to only a few cases."

"If they're a criminal they will come as a tourist — they won't use the refugee process because it is too difficult."

Officially, the reason claimants are detained is government fear that they won't appear for their hearing. But there exist documented cases of refugees being detained for lack of money or contacts in the country. One immigration officer reportedly told a claimant, "It's cold out — you wouldn't know where to go."

Another claimant spent a month in detention apparently because he had a brother in

New York; officials suspected he would try to enter the United States illegally.

Salim — not his real name — was detained because officials found an address book with American phone numbers and addresses when he arrived here from Pakistan. They assumed he too would try to enter the U.S.

Refugees without rights

Delgado argues claimants aren't given the rights of other people, such as *habeas corpus*, contact with legal council, or contact with the outside.

With the new federal refugee law implemented last January, detained claimants must be present at weekly refugee hearings to check on the conditions for which they were detained. At these weekly hearings officials supposedly review whether the claimant will remain in detention.

La Croix says, "The whole thing is a farce. What's going to change in seven days? The adjudicator who comes along follows what the first adjudicator did."

"According to the new (immigration) law, they could keep them forever. They're in a situation of being guilty until proven innocent," says Delgado.

A claimant can be released from detention if bond, usually set around \$5000 to \$10 000, is posted, says refugee lawyer Ron Schachter. But detained claimants usually have no contact with the outside, and it is difficult if not impossible to locate a community or church group to pay the money. Once the hearing is over, these groups get the bond money back — but it often takes months.

Schachter suggests instead of detention, that claimants should be made to report to

officials every week.

Discretion or discrimination?

Not all refugee claimants are detained in the centres — immigration officers determine who to hold. "There is an evident discrimination," says Dench. Most refugees arriving in this country are sent to the YMCA, but they have free movement.

The YMCA has a contract with the government to put them up until they are sent their first welfare cheque.

"They make a pre-judgement about what your chances are for a refugee claim. But they will never say that." About 20 to 30 per cent who come to Canada are detained, according to Collins.

La Croix argues refugees are detained based on the subjective feelings of Immigration officials. Lobbyists point out that refugees from the Third World are overrepresented in the detention centre.

Delgado says, "My feeling is there is a bias built into the refugee process. Canada, or immigration officers to be more precise, would prefer clean, middle-class, white investors — and screen out people who are a little darker."

"But (the discrimination) is hard to eradicate because there is no law that says you should do this — immigration officers have simply done this for thirty years."

"Detention is clearly tied to deportation," says Dench. "They don't want to waste time detaining people they know will be accepted."

Dench argues, "The new legislation is used as a deterrent. Deportation is a way of sending a message around the world: don't come to Canada."



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events

Centre for Developing Area Studies: presents "Agrarian Reform in the Philippines and Development Choices", with James Putzel, St. Anthony's College, Oxford University. 3715 Peel St., Rm. 100. 12:00 noon.

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McGill Film Society: *Cars in Your Life*; *If You Love This Planet*; *First Winter*. Canada. FDA Auditorium, 8:00 p.m..

The Forbidden Land. A film by Danièle Lacourse and Yvan Patry. Portrait of famine and War in Eritrea and Ethiopia. Panel to follow on "How Well Do The Media Cover Africa?". With: Linden Macintyre, CBC's the Journal, just back from Africa; James Travers, Southam News, who covered the Ethiopian Famine; Yvan Patry, producer of the *Forbidden Land*; Tesfai Ghemazien, deputy representative of the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front, Washington; Moderator: Dennis Trudeau, CBC Newswatch. Organized by the Centre for Investigative Journalism.

Another Concordia display offends

MONTREAL (CUP) — A poster depicting a hairy, gun-toting Yasser Arafat at an exhibit at Concordia entitled *The PLO Exposed* has angered students.

The exhibit was organized by the Concordia's Jewish Students' Union (CJSU).

Ra'ad Ra'ad, spokesperson for the Concordia Collective for Palestinian Human Rights (CCPHR), said the poster was a "hostile and one-sided opinion that does not contribute to the cause of peace between both people. I can't see this helping peace in the Middle East."

But CJSU president Jacob Benedek said the Arafat caricature was "lighthearted" and designed to attract students to the exhibit, not to offend.

"We are not going out against any denomination or individual. The display is about the terrorist efforts of a terrorist group."

Ra'ad said he will probably not lodge a complaint. "The CJSU has its right to free expression. I can't see myself or anyone else complaining, as long as they do not cross the lines into racism."

He said he was sure most students would continue to be critical of Israel's policies to Palestinians.

"People are tired of the Israeli government's refusal to negotiate with Palestinians and their official representative the PLO," he said.

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Daily news briefs

More Light?

Although the dim lighting and network of alleys makes the McGill ghetto a rapist's paradise, the McGill campus itself will soon be converted into a safer zone.

The Physical Plant will reveal a safety report this week detailing security improvements on campus. Emergency phones, patrolling police and improved lighting are among the plans in the report.

Many of the lighting changes were recommended in a survey prepared by the of Senate Committee on Women's Sub-Committee on Safety this month.

Joyce Lombardi

More Talk?

The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) may conduct a student-opinion survey. The SSMU wants to find out what students want from the SSMU.

"We want to find out what is on their minds, where we're weak, where we're strong," VP of External Affairs John Fox said during a very brief phone interview yesterday.

According to Fox, it all hinges on whether they can obtain the necessary manpower to do the job.

According to Charles Robison, Arts representative to Council, the survey would complement the teach-in set for February 7.

"We'd be asking people about what they think of tuition fee hikes as well as the Students' Society," he said. "One of our mandates is to try to improve services."

In addition to the activities in February, the SSMU plans to open a permanent communications committee to mediate between students and the Students' Society.

Nalini Johnson



More little Palestinians?

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Medical advances cause headaches

Minds in the medical industry are whirling. As medical technology evolves, doctors and philosophers are struggling to construct the ethical guidelines that accompany it.

"We are now able to do things in medicine that we weren't able to do five, ten, fifteen years ago," says Toronto's Eric Meslin, one of a small handful of professional hospital ethicists in Canada.

"This leaves us looking at what it's possible to do and asking, should we be doing that?"

by Robert Hercz
Canadian University Press

Consider the example of Donald C., a 26-year old burn victim. He requested release from hospital in 1974 because he wanted to let his infections run their course and end a life that had become unendurable.

At the time, no doctor would sign his release form. But if Donald had been burned only a few years earlier, the problem never would have arisen—he would simply have died.

Though a classic, the case of Donald C. is ancient history in bioethics. It is an early example of the technological roots of many of

these ethical dilemmas.

Fred Lowy, head of the University of Toronto's new Centre for Bioethics and a former dean of medicine, agrees with Meslin.

"In the last three decades," he says, "technology has brought us to the point where there are a lot of questions that physicians face regularly that the 'wisdom of the ages' doesn't help us with, because the 'ages' never had to deal with genetic engineering and in vitro fertilization."

The list doesn't stop there. Medical ethics is asking new questions faster than we can answer

them. Ownership of embryos, organ harvesting (removing organs from the dead), the use of aborted fetal tissue, animals as a source of organs for transplantation, surrogate motherhood and the allocation of scarce health-care funds are all issues of increasing concern.

One measure of the current gap between technology and ethics can be measured by the number — up to 10,000 in North America, according to one estimate — of people kept alive by feeding tubes in what's known as persistent vegetative state.

Nobody knows what to do with this population of the living dead. Doctors, almost by reflex, have traditionally been trained to save life, not end it. And next-of-kin, who in many cases have the authority to request that their relatives be allowed to die, have often been reluctant to make such irrevocable decisions.

But that is changing. There are now geriatric hospitals which do not, as a matter of policy, resuscitate heart attack victims. Doctors in regular hospitals issue DNR (do not resuscitate) orders at patients' requests.

The growing patients' rights

85-year-old person who is dying, without any prospect of success in the long run, just because technologically you can keep a person like that going for another few months — at great expense to the public, by the way.

"That's an example to me of technology running wild."

The question of rights is the great quagmire of medical ethics. As author James Restak notes in *Premeditated Man*, questions of ethics are often political ones, too. Who decides when life should end, and who should be allowed — or obliged — to end it? Should it be legal, under certain circumstances, to kill people? And is killing different from "allowing to die?"

It depends where you live. In Canada, a physician can let people die — if they request it — but cannot kill them. In Holland, on the other hand, a doctor can kill if requested to.

Doctors and ethicists agree that today, Donald C. would probably get his discharge. But if he wanted a lethal injection so that he would not have to endure the pain of a prolonged death from infected, pus-covered sores, it is unlikely he

a phony distinction," says Meslin. "If your intention is to permit that patient to die a good death, then it really shouldn't matter what the means are." Nevertheless, Meslin admits that Canada "is not prepared yet as a nation to endorse active euthanasia."

The distinction between passive euthanasia, active euthanasia and killing a patient is a phoney one. If your intention is to permit that patient to die a good death, then it really shouldn't matter what the means are.

A Gallup poll this year found that 77 per cent of Canadians approved of some forms of euthanasia, up from 66 per cent in 1984. Still, we are cautious.

In Germany, anencephalic babies — born literally without a brain, in fact without the top of a skull, and doomed to a few hours or days of life — are arbitrarily declared dead at birth. Their organs may be harvested for transplantation without the usual wait for "brain death."

In France and Switzerland, the state grants doctors the right to an adult's organs after death, even if the deceased or his/her family wish otherwise.

Some physicians don't see these measures as extreme. Every day, patients on transplant waiting lists die because there are not enough donors. Surveys show that fewer than one third of those who say they are willing to donate organs after death carry a signed donor card.

Doctors are frustrated by the after death carry a signed donor card.

Doctors are frustrated by the passivity of society, by the waste of transplantable organs.

In a recent article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Lowy proposed a radical, though "ethically defensible" solution to this problem: Those who agree to donate would be given preferential status should they ever need an organ transplant themselves.

Ethicists agree that reaching agreement in such problems won't be easy, especially in the multicultural mix that is Canada.

"What do you do in a society that's no longer a homogeneous culture politically and theologically and ethically?" asks Meslin.

"Do you treat according to your own cultural beliefs, which is in direct violation to theirs? On the other hand, treating them according to theirs may contravene every code of medical ethics that was ever constructed in North America."

Once in a while, you get some overzealous physician or a group of health care workers in a hospital who will try to resuscitate an 85-year-old person who is dying, without any prospect of success in the long run.

movement, the increasing tendency to question the authority of physicians, and the trend of taking quality of life into consideration are all playing a role.

Lowy believes some doctors have not yet learned to cope with the demands of technology.

"Once in a while, you get some overzealous physician or a group of health care workers in a hospital who will try to resuscitate an

could find a doctor in North America who would administer one.

In the Netherlands, however, thousands have requested and received such lethal injections, in the last stages of AIDS for example. There is no distinction made between "passive euthanasia", or allowing a patient to die, and "active euthanasia", or killing a patient.

"There is some moral consensus among some ethicists that that's

Department of Psychology

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